

REPLACE WHITNEY AS P. S. SECRETARY, THOMPSON INSISTS

Investigator Also Demands New Legal Advisor and New Engineer for Board.

CITES STRAUS LETTER.

Chairman Says Office Atmosphere Is More Friendly to Corporations Than Public.

The Thompson Investigating Committee is preparing to-day a memorandum which it will send to the First District Public Service Commission after it has been reorganized. The investigators will point out to the commission the emphasis of a complete reorganization, of acquiring a new secretary in place of Travis H. Whitney, a new legal advisor in place of George S. Coleman, and a new Engineer for Board.

BIG EATERS GET KIDNEY TROUBLE, SAYS AUTHORITY

Take a tablespoonful of Salts to flush kidneys if back hurts.

Omit all meat from diet if you feel Rheumatic or Bladder bothers.

The American men and women must guard constantly against kidney trouble because we eat too much and all our food is rich. Our blood is filled with uric acid which the kidneys strive to filter out, they weaken from overwork, become sluggish, the eliminative tissues clog and the result is kidney trouble, bladder weakness and a general decline in health.

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gineering head in place of Alfred Craven.

"It is not enough," said Chairman George F. Thompson, "for us to have got rid of three unfit commissioners. It is up to us to try to aid in a real reorganization, and that will be effected principally by a careful scrutiny of every man named as a candidate for the position of Public Service Commissioner."

"Any one familiar with the testimony brought out in our investigation knows that the whole atmosphere of the commission's office is much more friendly to the public service corporations than it is to the citizens who appeal to the commission to right wrongs or prevent wrongs. Here is an incident that we stumbled on by accident which illustrates the need of new blood all the way through the organization."

"A delegation of landlords who had not been defrauding their tenants by secret deals with the electric lighting companies called on our committee to give them a chance to be heard. We were crowded at the time, and I referred them to the Public Service Commission."

"We've tried the Commission," they told me, "but they won't hear us." They showed me a copy of the letter they had written to Commissioner Straus, also the letter they had received in reply, declaring that the incident was closed and that the Public Service Commission could not take it up.

"I spoke to Commissioner Straus about it a few days later, and he assured me he had never seen or heard of the letter. There is an example of the spirit that must be got rid of. The Commission is instituted for the public benefit. Yet some underlying apparently had the assurance to intercept a letter to a Public Service Commissioner and refuse the request of citizens without his knowledge."

"This commission can feel that it has done a real job only if it aids in bringing about a very different feeling in the office of the Commission from that which prevails now."

Former Public Service Commissioner Robert Colgate Wood will take the witness stand for further examination this afternoon.

'WIVES, OBEY HUSBANDS!' COMMAND OF A JUSTICE

Mr. Hotchkiss, Proclaiming Man Master of Family, Dismisses Suits of the Two Finkelsteins.

Wives who lay their marital troubles before Supreme Court Justice Hotchkiss had better be able to prove that they have obeyed their husbands in all reasonable commands, for the justice holds that this is their duty.

He expounded the ancient theory yesterday in dismissing counter suits for separation brought by Mrs. Beatrice Finkelstein and her husband, Nathan. The evidence showed they had quarreled much, but that no real ground for separation existed. Said the justice:

"It is a case that should never have come here. I am going to ask these young people to accept the suggestion of one who has lived in the world a good deal longer than they have and see if they cannot reconcile their differences. Let this young woman obey her husband in all reasonable commands, endeavor to recognize him as the master of the family, and not look for comfort, solace and indulgence for all of her wilfulness from the members of her own family. Let the husband restrain his temper; let him remember there is no worthwhileness in ever a successful party to it subordinate their own wills to the necessities of their own situation."

WILSON PAYS \$3 FOR SHIELDING KITTY GORDON

Comedian Tells Court He Thought Clerk With Summons Was a Hold-Up Man.

Jack Wilson, the comedian, was fined three dollars by Magistrate Corrigan in the West Side Court this morning for landing a stiff right on the jaw of Louis Tempel, No. 6 Columbus Street, last Tuesday, when Tempel, a law clerk, tried to serve Kitty Gordon with a summons in a civil suit brought against her by Marcia, the photographer. Jack told the court that when he helped Kitty Gordon from her car at the theatre door he had her jewel case in his hands and the case was freighted with untold wealth. He was afraid, he said, that the law clerk was a hold-up man.

Frederick E. Goldenheim, attorney for Wilson, put on the stand so many stage hands and other witnesses that Magistrate Corrigan decided that Jack couldn't really have thought anybody would attempt a hold-up with all that crowd around.

Kitty was not in court. She was acting in the movies, Jack explained, and for her to appear would have thrown several thousand dollars of "extra people" and actors out of a day's work. The Magistrate let it go at that.

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SHOULD WOMEN PROPOSE?

Bachelors! What Do You Think About It?



Woman Physician Shows That Proper Order of Things Is Turned Topsy-Turvy When Woman Is Not Permitted to Pick Her Mate.

By Marguerite Mooers Marshall.

Should women propose? The Evening World will give a prize of \$10 to the person who sends in the best answer to this question. The answer should be in the form of a letter addressed to me and stating as clearly, fully and cleverly as possible your reasons for believing that a woman should be allowed to ask a man to marry her—or for believing that she should not possess this privilege, even in Leap Year. You may take either the affirmative or the negative side of the question, and you may be married or unmarried, romantic or cynical, hopeful or resigned.

Surely some of the women readers of The Evening World have been in secret revolt against the male monopoly of the proposing business. Then speak—write, I mean—now, or hold your peace forever! You may be as candid as you choose, for your published letters will be signed with initials or a nom de plume; although you should give me, in confidence, your real names and addresses, in order that there may be no difficulty in forwarding The Evening World's award to the writer of the best letter.



Men, too, are entirely eligible contestants for this prize, and every bachelor who wants to record his protest against a possible Leap Year inundation is invited to do so. As for the husbands, their letters should be most interesting of all! For they can tell whether they really did the proposing and whether—as the anti-say about voting—it is too rough and sordid a business for delicate women.

Seriously, do you believe that it is the natural right of man to choose his mate, and that woman must wait to be chosen? Is she "bold and immodest" (the Victorian anathema) if she selects the man she desires for a lifelong companion, and more or less frankly works to win him? Would the normal man be repelled by a feminine proposal, and if so, why? Have men shown such interest in choosing wives for themselves and mothers for their children that the eugenic principle of the race is satisfied to leave the choice in their hands? Finally, has the non-self-supporting woman a right to propose—deliberately to ask some man to maintain her for life?

FEMALE BIRD AND ANIMAL CHOOSES HER OWN MATE.

Perhaps some of you do not know that there is a definite biological basis for proposals by women. I discussed it yesterday with Dr. Elinor van Buskirk, one of the group of brilliant physicians who are conducting so successfully the New York Medical College and Hospital for Women. This is the only college in Greater New York where women may receive the full four years' medical course, and there is but one similar institution in the United States.

Since the war has shown the untold value of women physicians the demand for them has increased everywhere, and numbers of young women are selecting the medical profession as their own. In order to accommodate fifty the large number of candidates for admission, Dr. Van Buskirk and others interested in the New York Medical College and Hospital for Women are conducting a campaign to raise a building and endowment fund of \$200,000 before September 1, 1916. But the doctor's interest in enlarging the professional opportunities of her sex does not interfere with her long cherished conviction that one of woman's most important rights is the right to choose her mate.

"I have always believed that," she told me. Then she looked as scared as a young woman with a Junoesque figure and the consciousness of several well-earned diplomas can look. "I know what every friend of mine in New York, who reads this, will say," she remarked, with mingled amusement and despair.

For brown-eyed, rosy-cheeked Dr. Elinor van Buskirk was married just three months ago. But she did not propose to her husband—really, she didn't. He proposed to her. I hope I make that perfectly clear.

"Nevertheless, you think a woman is justified in taking the initiative," I said.

"The human female is the only one who is not allowed to choose her mate," declared the physician. "In every other species except the human, selection belongs to the female. And since, generally speaking, woman is the conservator of the race, the constant factor, I see no reason why she should not be allowed to take for herself whichever variant, whichever man, she prefers."

"Marriage means so much more to a woman, parenthood means so much more to a woman," Dr. Van Buskirk continued earnestly. "Here is the forming and shaping of the child. Surely she should be allowed to choose its father!"

"The animals have a better understanding of natural law than we. With them, in almost every instance, the secondary sex characteristics belong to the male. Briefly, this means that he possesses the brilliant plumage, the loud voice, the towering antlers, the distinctive something which, in the mating season, is the adornment and charm of the species. And he shows off before the delectable female. She doesn't strut up, like a woman, and pose before him in a beauty parade, which he watches with lazy condescension. The female animal knows that it is her prerogative to be critical and selective, and she exercises it—usually in strict accordance with eugenic principles."

"Also—I have observed this myself in the case of certain domestic animals—the preference of the female is law, and no male except her chosen mate is allowed to approach her."

"There is a theory," I reminded Dr. Van Buskirk, "that this procedure became reversed among human beings because, in primitive ages, the constantly warring tribes killed off the men and created surplus women—who thus became cheap and were ultimately shorn of their natural privileges."

"I know," she assented. "Whatever the explanation, it is clear that in allowing man, instead of woman, to choose the mate we have completely turned about the proper order of things."

"I think that one cause of our unhappy marriages is that men have been allowed to select their wives, instead of women being allowed to select the husbands they wish. Men usually are drawn to women by purely superficial charms, whereas women seek more substantial qualities in men. Therefore, matrimonial choices by women would tend toward happier, more permanent unions."

So you see that there is a certain scientific justification for the feminine proposal, that it need not be regarded merely as a joke. But what do you think about it in this Leap Year of 1916? Write and tell me.



DR. ELINOR VAN BUSKIRK

QUARTET IN COURT AS FINALE TO FRENCH BALL

Prisoners Make Counter Charge Against Police Sergeant, Who Was Roughly Handled.

Hostilities marked the closing of the French Ball at Terrace Garden at 5 o'clock this morning and brought about the appearance in Yorkville Police Court of four men, one a police officer. He is Sgt. Henry Bruck of the East Fifty-first Street station, who appeared as complainant against Morris L. Oberstein, proprietor of a cafe at No. 81 Peck Slip, Patrick Flynn, a chauffeur, and Jeremiah O'Leary, a watchman at Terrace Garden, charged with assault.

The policeman's left eye was closed and his face generally bore a marked resemblance to a boiled New England dinner. Oberstein's head was covered with bandages. Flynn and O'Leary displayed sundry wounds. Bruck asserted that when he tried to arrest Oberstein for disorderly conduct Flynn grabbed him from behind and pinioned his arms, while Oberstein and O'Leary pounded his face. The prisoners alleged that Bruck attacked Oberstein without provocation. Examination was adjourned until next Monday and the prisoners furnished bail.

FIVE WOMEN WILL HELP CLEAN UP CITY STREETS

First of Six Named as Inspectors Expected by Chief to Do Valuable Work.

Street Cleaning Commissioner Petherston next week will appoint five women inspectors to assist in the general spring cleaning of the city's streets. This is the first time women have been certified for such positions by the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

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The certified inspectors are Elma C. Gray of No. 610 West One Hundred and Forty-first Street; Eva Walker, No. 873 Lefferts Avenue, Brooklyn; Ellen O. Rossa of No. 194 Richmond Terrace, S. L. Anna Murphy of No. 45 West Thirty-second Street, and Helen M. McMama of No. 1287 Carroll Street, Brooklyn. Their salary will be \$1,200 a year.

COURT DENIES GROUT TRANSFER OF APPEAL

Specially Constituted Appellate Bench Holds Case Must Be Heard in Brooklyn.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn to-day denied the motion of lawyers of Edward M. Grout, under conviction for making a false statement to the State Banking Department, for the transfer of Grout's appeal to another department of the court. The appeal will be heard in the Second Department in Brooklyn and was ordered placed on the calendar for Feb. 28.

To pass on the motion the court was specially constituted. Justices Mills of Westchester and Rich of Cayuga taking the place of Presiding Justice Jenks and Justice Carr, who said they were disqualified from sitting because of their social relations with Mr. Grout. Justice Mills and Justice Rich will also hear the appeal.

Prince Erik of Denmark Sails for New York.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Jan. 14.—Prince Erik, son of Prince Waldemar of Denmark, has called for New York on board the steamer Hellig Olav. The prince will spend two years in Canada studying agriculture. Prince Erik, who is twenty-five years old, is a first cousin of King Christian.

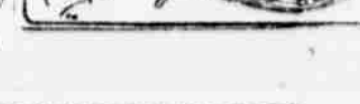
TRAVIS AND PRENDERGAST DECLARE TRUCE IN FEUD

State and City Comptrollers Call Off Scrutiny of Each Other's Books.

Warfare between State Comptroller Travis and City Comptroller Prendergast, arising out of Brooklyn politics, has been called off. Through the intercession of former Congressman William M. Calder, the two Comptrollers agreed to-day to an armed truce and will withdraw the expert accountants each has had at work on the books of the other.

It was further agreed that neither would make public the secrets of vouchers already obtained and that no further reference to financial items would be made. The opportunity of the public's hearing something of the way public funds are expended both by State and city governments is now blocked.

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GERMAN SAILORS FOUND WORKING FOR U. S. AT FORT

Four From Two Interned Ships Are Taken in Custody by Government Officials.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 14.—Four German sailors, two from the German steamer Rhein, tied up at Baltimore since the European war began, and two from the German steamer Kiel, at Southport, N. C., are detained at the immigration station at Gloucester, N. J., for examination to determine whether they are in this country in violation of the immigration laws. The four men were taken into custody at Wilmington, Del., last night by Government agents. Two of the men, Karl Altman and Emil Klappstein, were working on the Government dredge Minqua at Fort du Pont, and Karl Graham and Fred Kruger were working in the Hancock Cloth Mills near the Hagley Yard of the Du Pont Powder Company.

They were taken to Gloucester, N. J., for a hearing before United States Commissioner Greenwall on charges of being aliens who had violated their parole. According to the Government officials the majority of the crew of the Government dredge near Port du Pont answer descriptions of members of the crews of the interned vessels. One man employed at the Hancock Mills is reported to be from the interned Kronprinz Wilhelm.

It was also reported that a number of the sailors were at work at Carney's point and officials planned to go there to-day to investigate.

Immediately officials denied the sailors escaped from the interned German warships at Norfolk. It was explained that immigration officers are constantly searching for sailors who are always leaving ships to take up a permanent residence in the United States without complying with the laws regulating the admission of aliens.

The men detained at Gloucester, the immigration station for the port of Philadelphia, will be given an examination with regard to their admission to this country and a report will be made to the Department of Labor at Washington.

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BRITISH TOOK SOLDIER OF U. S. ARMY OFF LINER

But Kingston Authorities Let Clark Go When He Had Explained His Mission.

There was some indignation on the steamship Santa Marta, in to-day from South America and West Indian ports, over the action of the British authorities in taking from the ship at Kingston Albert Clark, a soldier of the Fifth United States Infantry, returning from the Isthmus of Panama to this country to receive his discharge papers.

In the examination of passengers by the Kingston authorities, Clark admitted he was born in Austria and was not an American citizen, though he had taken out his first papers.

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DETECTIVES TRAIL MALPRACTICE BAND STAPLER ACCUSES

Court Defers Sentencing Physician Who Revealed Alleged Combine in Confession.

Dr. Andre L. Stapler, a native of Austria-Hungary, who made an amazing confession to Assistant District Attorney Dooling in which he named ten New York physicians as having been in a combination to perform criminal operations and bribe public officials to cover up the cases when death resulted, was arraigned before Justice Bartow S. Weeks in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court to-day to be sentenced for manslaughter.

As District Attorney Swann expects to spend several days in examining the physician about his confession, passing of sentence was postponed and Stapler was taken to the District Attorney's office, where he continued his statement.

Meanwhile detectives sent out by District Attorney Swann are checking up on information furnished by Stapler last evening.

Stapler was convicted of manslaughter in having caused the death of Louise Heinrichs on Aug. 23, 1910. The verdict was brought in Dec. 23 last. Since then powerful influences have been at work to get the physician out of his trouble. These having failed, Stapler decided to confess with the hope of obtaining clemency.

Mr. Dooling said to-day that several days would be spent in efforts to verify the confession. If these efforts fail Stapler will stand discredited in the District Attorney's office. But if they succeed several arrests will be made early next week.

Dr. Stapler came to this country about fifteen years ago and practiced medicine in New York City. An investigation of the Board of Coroners by Commissioner of Accounts Leonard Wallstein brought out testimony which resulted in his indictment for the death of Mrs. Heinrichs, and he was arrested in Chicago.

In his confession to Mr. Dooling Stapler, after naming a "ring" of physicians who he said were in the alleged plots to hide the cause of death after criminal operations, said the cost of bringing about secrecy varied from \$200 to \$500.

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